(*d*) How many such applications were rejected and how many are pending ?

(*e*) Is it not possible to provide loans for all the pending applications at once or to give an endorsement within a reasonable time ?

(*f*) What was the amount allowed to lapse during the year ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—17. (*a*) No amount was placed at the disposal of the Director for this purpose. The provision in the Budget for the grant of loans for this year was Rupees one lakh.

(*b*) *Vide* statement attached. (*Vide* Appendix K.)

(*c*) *Vide* statement attached. (*Vide* Appendix L.)

(*d*) The total number of applications rejected or withdrawn amount to 86 as per Statement attached and the number now pending are 26, *Vide* statement. (*Vide* Appendix M.)

(*e*) It is not possible to sanction loans for all pending applications at once as enquiries have to be made of the solvency of the individuals, suitability of the security offered by them and the prospects of the industrial installation proposed to be erected.

Endorsements are given ta parties as soon as possible after enquiries on these points are completed.

(*f*) Loans were sanctioned to an aggregate amount of Rs. 79,116-8-0. Out of the balance a sum of Rs. 5,000 was sanctioned as working advance towards the Badanval Centre. The sum that lapsed out of the Budget grant was Rs. 15,883-8-0.

MESSRS. B. GOPALACHAR, KATTE DAKAPPA and TUDKI RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthalli Taluk).—

Q.—19. Will the Government be pleased to state the following:—

(*a*) How many State Fund roads are there in the State and what is their distance?

(*b*) What is the mileage grant with regard to each of these roads?

(*c*) What is the reason for some of them being very bad and some in good condition?

(*d*) The State Fund roads that are in disrepair in *malnad*?

(*e*) Is the collection of road cess for such roads discontinued?

(*f*) The total amount spent annually for the special improvement of Shimoga-Mangalore Road for the past 5 years?

(*g*) The annual toll-gate and motor cess collections on the above road?

(*h*) What measures are proposed to improve the same?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—19. (*a*) and (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table. (*Vide* Appendix R.)

(*c*) It all depends upon the traffic on the road and the grant allotted for repairs and improvements and also upon the rainfall and quality of metal available for use.

(*d*) (1) Shimoga-Mangalore Road.
(2) Shimoga-Sorab-Sirsi Road.
(3) Chitaldrug-Bhadravati Road.

(*e*) Recovery of Road Cess has not been discontinued in respect of State Fund roads that are in disrepair in Malnad.

(*f*)

1924-25	
1925-26	3,860
1926-27	3,947
1927-28	3,383
1928-29	3,949

Toll-gate Fees.

(*g*)

		Rs.
1928-29	Mallur Toll-gate ..	5,000
	Agumbe Toll-gate ..	3,505
1929-30	Do ..	3,600

Road Cess Collection.

1928-29	4,373
First half of 1929-30	2,657

(*h*) A road fund has been sanctioned and special grants are attotted since 1927-28 to improve the roads.